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AIR FREIGHT UP 5.9% IN 1989 AND DOWN 4.2% IN DECEMBER

WASHINGTON, D.C., February 12, 1990 -- Air freight was up 5.9 percent in 1989, and down 4.2 percent in December, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic air freight in 1989 registered a gain of 2.8 percent. The air transportation of mail increased 1.8 percent. Total cargo, including freight and mail, rose 2.6 percent.

International air freight of U.S. carriers in 1989 was up 9.1 percent. Mail rose 9.6 percent, and total cargo increased 9.2 percent.

In December, domestic air freight decreased 6.9 percent. Mail was up 2.5 percent, and total cargo was down 4.2 percent.

December international air freight decreased 1.5 percent. Mail was up 38.3 percent, and total cargo rose 3.5 percent.

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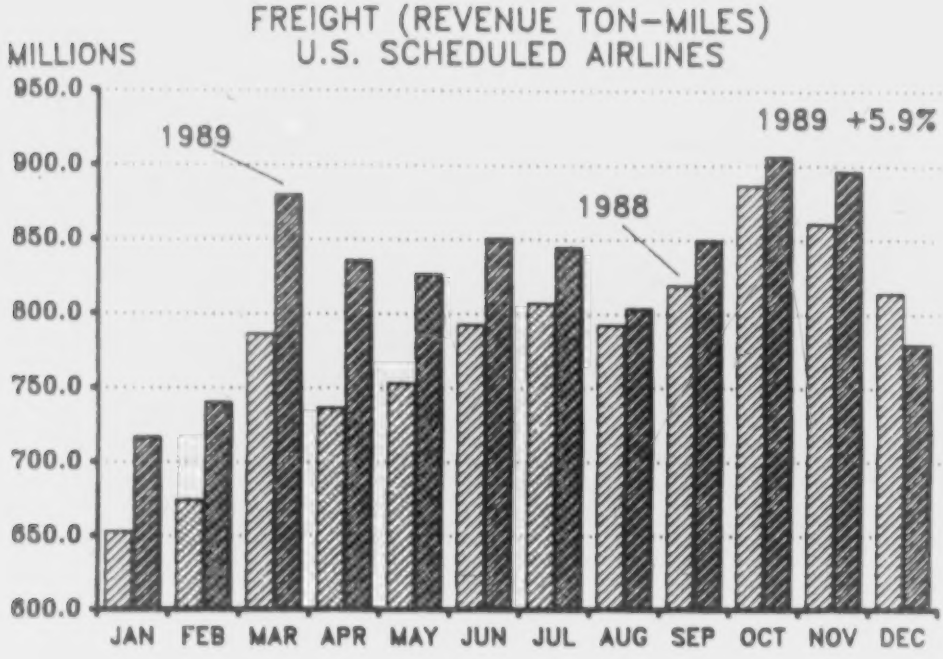
FREIGHT (REVENUE TON-MILES)
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES
MILLIONS
950.0
900.0
850.0
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1989
1988
1989 +5.9%
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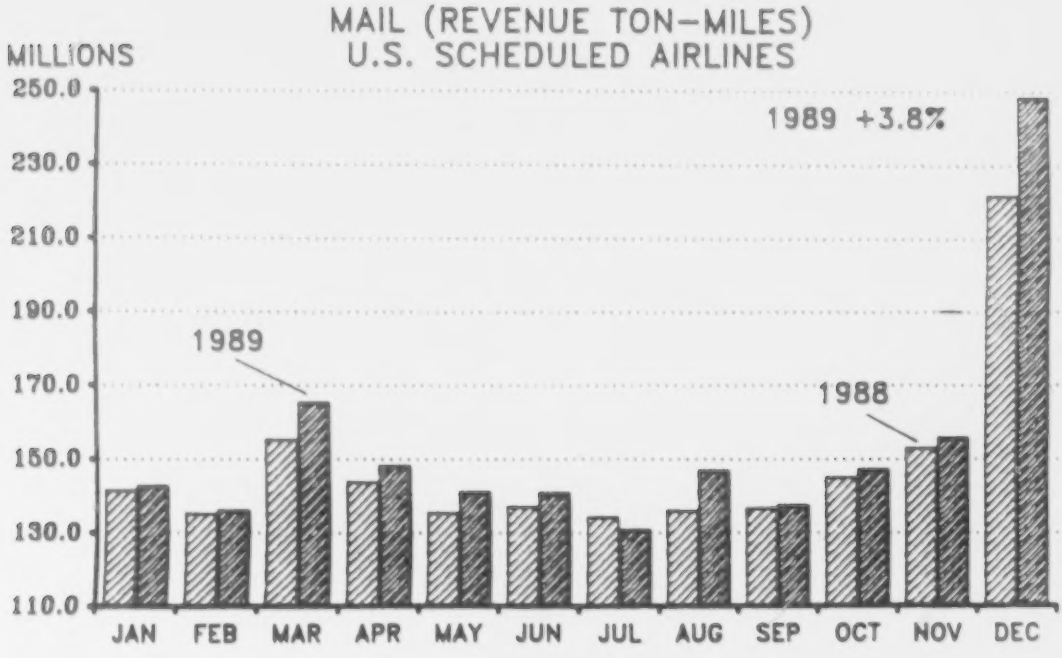
MAIL (REVENUE TON-MILES)
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES
MILLIONS
250.0
230.0
210.0
190.0
170.0
150.0
130.0
110.0
1989
1988
1989 +3.8%
JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC

PRELIMINARY CARGO TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY (1)

REVENUE TON-MILES
(In Thousands)

	DOMESTIC OPERATIONS			INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS			TOTAL	TOTAL
	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	CARGO
DECEMBER 1989	375,439	166,534	541,973	404,675	81,853	486,528	780,114	1,028,501
DECEMBER 1988	403,137	162,499	565,636	411,003	59,178	470,181	814,140	1,035,817
PERCENT CHANGE	(6.9)	2.5	(4.2)	(1.5)	38.3	3.5	(4.2)	(0.7)
12 MONTHS 1989	4,905,761	1,346,092	6,251,853	5,028,270	495,993	5,524,263	9,934,031	11,776,116
12 MONTHS 1988	4,771,310	1,322,829	6,094,139	4,608,570	452,447	5,061,017	9,379,880	11,155,156
PERCENT CHANGE	2.8	1.8	2.6	9.1	9.6	9.2	5.9	5.6

1) Carriers included : Alaska, Aloha, American, Continental, Delta, Eastern, Federal Express, Flying Tiger, Hawaiian, Northwest, Pan American, Southwest, Trans World, United, and USAir.

Note : USAir numbers include Piedmont, and Federal Express Numbers include Flying Tiger

PRELIMINARY CARGO TRAFFIC STATISTICS
SYSTEM OPERATIONS

REVENUE TON-MILES
(In Thousands)

MONTH	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL CARGO
1988			
January	653,081	141,615	794,696
February	674,497	135,320	809,817
March	786,758	155,271	942,029
April	737,067	143,765	880,832
May	753,553	135,530	889,083
June	792,976	137,107	930,083
July	807,344	134,294	941,638
August	792,868	135,965	928,833
September	819,280	136,659	955,939
October	887,028	145,092	1,032,120
November	861,288	152,981	1,014,269
December	814,140	221,677	1,035,817
TOTAL 1988	9,379,880	1,775,276	11,155,156
Jan - Dec 1988	9,379,880	1,775,276	11,155,156
1989			
January	717,113	142,837	859,950
February	740,617	136,199	876,816
March	880,084	165,357	1,045,441
April	835,996	148,309	984,305
May	826,787	141,189	967,976
June	850,778	140,874	991,652
July	845,746	131,442	977,188
August	803,904	146,900	950,804
September	849,781	137,459	987,240
October	906,463	147,344	1,053,807
November	896,648	155,788	1,052,436
December	780,114	248,387	1,028,501
TOTAL 1989	9,934,031	1,842,085	11,776,116

PERCENT CHANGE

	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL CARGO
1989/1988			
December	-4.2	12.0	-0.7
Jan - December	5.9	3.8	5.6